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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MRS. WALTER RICE

1. FORMER AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA WALTER RICE ADVISES THAT MRS. RICE WILL BE VISITING SYDNEY AND CANBERRA IN LATE MARCH WITH GROUP OF 77 PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF RICHMOND ON CHARTERED WORLD AIRWAYS FLIGHT SCHEDULED ARRIVE SYDNEY MARCH 22 AT 1110 HOURS AND DEPART SYDNEY MARCH 30 AT 1320 HOURS. WHILE IN SYDNEY MRS. RICE AND CHARTER GROUP WILL BE AT HYATT KINGSGATE HOTEL, EXCEPT FOR MARCH 23-24 WHEN SHE WILL STAY AT COUNTRY HOME OF MR. ARTHUR LITTLE. CANBERRA VISIT OF SEVERAL DAYS NOT YET FIRM, BUT WILL BE DURING PERIOD MARCH 25-30.

2. MRS. RICE REQUESTS NO SPECIAL COURTESIES IN EITHER CANBERRA OR SYDNEY, AND DESIRES NO VISIT PUBLICITY. IN PARTICULAR, SHE REQUESTS PRESS NOT REPEAT NOT BE INFORMED OF VISIT. SHE WOULD APPRECIATE AMCONGEN SYDNEY INFORMING LADY FAIRFAX THAT SHE ACCEPTS DINNER INVITATION FOR EVENING MARCH 22, AND THAT NSW MINISTER TOM LEWIS BE ADVISED SHE ACCEPTS LUNCHEON INVITATION FOR MARCH 25. KISSINGER

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